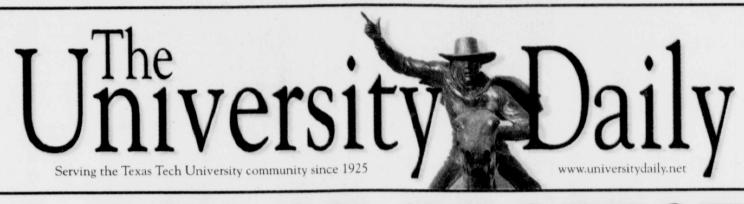
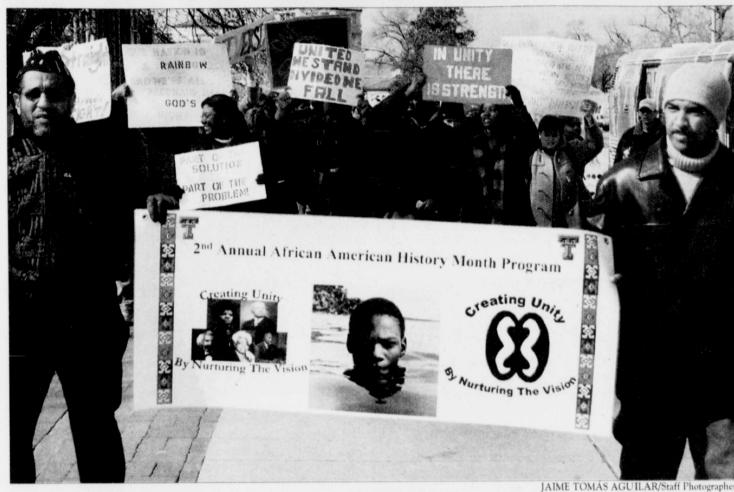


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AFTER A RALLY discussing concern about a column run in Tuesday's edition of The University Daily, students, faculty and staff march from the Student Union to Memorial Circle in celebration of Black History Month on Friday.



JAIME TOMÁS AGUILAR/Staff Photographer

THE UNIVERSITY DAILY Editor-in-Chief Melissa Borden speaks to a crowd of protesters who rallied against an opinion column that appeared in Tuesday's UD. The column, written by Dave Ring, questioned racism we must unite." the validity of Black History Month.

Students, faculty protest UD, celebrate Black History Month

By Matt Muench/Staff Reporter

aware and educated about Black His-sibility."

Union courtyard and ended in Memo- umn that appeared in Tuesday's Unirial Circle two hours later.

"Asian, Latin, black, white, to end History Month.

One Tech student said, "This is

At the rally, students held signs, About 200 Texas Tech students, including one that read, "Gay-straight, faculty and citizens of the Lubbock black-white, different struggle same community marched to Memorial fight." Other signage included "End Circle for two reasons Friday afternoon racism now" and "First gays, then Afto protest a column written in The rican-Americans. Who's next? Is the University Daily and to make people editor sleeping? We demand respon-

Most of the students in attendance The rally began in the Student were there to protest an opinion colversity Daily, in which columnist Dave During the march, they shouted, Ring questioned the validity of Black

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Anti-war protest on Friday ignites rebuttal from other side

By Heidi Toth/Staff Reporter

Emotions ran high during an antiwar protest as those against the war and those against the protest shouted at each other Friday afternoon outside the Student Union building.

mocracy looks like!" Trevor Smith, a graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago, spoke to the assembled crowd, denouncing President George W. Bush's plans to go to war with Iraq.

He said he wants residents of Lubbock and Texas Tech to know that even in a conservative community, there is open and angry dissent toward the war effort, and those who are against war should not be ashamed.

This war is being waged in the name of the American people," he said. "It is the right of the American people to say no."

Blue Brazelton, a sophomore En-Sweetwater, is a member of the Student Coalition Against the War and wanted to make his voice heard, he

"I value human life over oil,"

Brazelton said.

The sanctions imposed by George H. Bush when he was in office have killed more than 500,000 Iraqis, and using military action in Iraq will kill even more, Brazelton said. Even if Hussein is hiding weapons of mass de-Amid chants of "This is what de- struction, it is not justification to at-

> "Idealistically, we'd like to stop the war with Iraq," he said. "We'd like to stop the war in our names.'

Meghan McDonald, a sophomore sociology major from Houston, was at the protest because she opposed a war for any reason, she said, especially since Bush was preparing to go in unilaterally and without sufficient evi-

Hussein and his regime are bad, but that is not a reason for the United States to go in, remove him and put its own "puppet" in, she said.

"This is about aggression and glish and philosophy major from domination and trying to control the Middle East," McDonald said. "I want to show that there is some loud dissent in Lubbock."

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/Staff Photographe

TREVOR SMITH (FAR LEFT), a graduate student studying philosophy from Chicago, leads protesters in front of the Student Union against military action in Iraq.

Faculty question Tech's administrative review compliance

By Kelly McAlister/Staff Reporter

With Texas Tech expecting its accreditation review next fall, members of the Faculty Senate are bringing issues to the administration that might jeopardize a good review.

During a Faculty Senate meeting in October, members expressed concerns evaluations of certain positions were not being executed in compliance with university operating procedure.

At the meeting, associate professor of history Edward Steinhart, senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, asked Provost William Marcy if operating procedure 30.15, which focuses on the evaluation of academic administrators, had been routinely com-

According to the minutes from the meeting, Marcy said that during his five-year tenure as dean of the College of Engineering, he had never received a written evaluation and said he would be surprised if the evaluations have been routinely executed.

The operating procedure is intended to set guidelines and procedures for evaluations of the performance of academic administrators. The comprehensive evaluations are intended to examine the administrative skills, personal traits and professional activities. The

form has various questions on planning, listening capabilities, and how the administrators work with students, faculty and other university employees.

Also, the form allows for judgment of overall competence of the role and includes a separate space for comments and sugges-

Vice Provost Elizabeth Hall said the review may take any form. An evaluation form is attached to the operating procedure, which may be used for reviewing an administrator.

"Theoretically, everyone follows the operating procedure," Hall said. "The review can take any form."

She said an evaluation may be written or can be in a more personal form, such as an office visit or conversations with those being

Vice Provost James Brink said the procedure would be observed.

"We are constantly evaluating our performance at the university at every level," Brink said. "If there are areas where this is not going on in some routine fashion, the administration would be wise to incorporate it into

According to the procedure, the policy allows for the president to evaluate the provost, the provost to evaluate vice provosts, associate and assistant vice presidents, and assistant provosts for academic affairs.

Vice provosts, associate and assistant vice presidents, and assistant provosts, in turn, evaluate the academic deans and directors, who evaluate the associate and assistant deans, and

division, department and area chairpersons. The procedure does not allow for specific evaluation of administrators by faculty. The administrator completing the review may request input from faculty about the person he or she is reviewing.

Hall said a faculty members may always

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Students react to Bush's alternative fuel initiative

By Angela Timmons/ Staff Reporter

Texas Tech student Shawn Carrier thinks hydrogen fuel cells are a possible alternative to gasoline-fueled vehicles.

"I think it's very feasible," the freshman pre-medicine major from Arlington said. "If the government puts enough money into it to make it work, it's feasible to make it widely requiring more fuel-efficient vehicles. used."

a \$1.5 billion proposal President Bush feels Bush's initiative may be an atmade to Congress regarding hydrogen tempt to divert attention from his fuel cell development as the nation faces a looming gasoline crises.

"I don't know if you or I are going

to be driving one of these cars, but our grandkids will, and we can say we did our duty (and) proposed some initiatives," Bush told hydrogen industry

While a recent Associated Press article cites approval from automakers and executives working to implement hydrogen fueled cars, others see faults in it, saying it falls short of more realistic goals such as conserving oil or

Tech student Matt Peterson, along Carrier's words are in response to with several democrats in Congress, short-term oil

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JENNA HANSEN/Staff Photographer

CHARLES PAWLSON, A graduate student studying advanced vehicle engineering from Witchita Falls, removes sensors from the "Future Truck" at the advanced vehicle engineering lab at Reese Center on Friday. The "Future Truck" is designed by students to achieve better fuel economy and will be sent to a competition this summer.

Tech Law students prep for Bar exam

By Angela Timmons/ Staff Reporter

Preparing for the Bar exam can the Bar exam to take place Feb. 25 said. through 27.

"It certainly is challenging," Kay Fletcher, assistant dean and director of Career Services at the School ate of every law school takes. It's also a good measuring stick for our pro-

Fletcher said the Bar, which is a three-day exam covering both state and national law, is the comprehenbe an intimidating time in many law sive effort of a law student's entire school graduates' lives. Since De- School of Law experience. Most law cember, Texas Tech School of Law students take a review course postgraduates have been preparing for graduation and pre-exam, Fletcher

The Tech law school approximately has a 90 percent pass rate of the exam, Fletcher said. The exam is administered in both February and of Law and a 1980 law graduate, July of every year, she said, and in Feb. said. "It's the only test every gradu- 2000, Tech had a 100 percent pass

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TECH SERIES ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY RUNS THIS WEEK

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The Rundown



still pushing lawsuit shuttle should go on Iraq to ease tensions

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It was a facing off against a fanatic cult leader ter the disintegration of the shuttle and his followers in Waco, Texas.

Nearly 10 years after the fire that ended the standoff and killed Branch Davidian leader David Koresh and scores of his disciples, survivors and their families are still pushing claims against the federal government.

make a last-ditch effort before the U.S. have the judge removed from their lawsuit and asking for a new trial.

Judge Walter Smith dismissed the lawtheir assault on the cult compound.

NEIN

(AP) -More than seven in 10 brutal and ultimately deadly confronta- Americans say the space shuttle pro-

Columbia killed its seven astronauts. A CNN-Time poll out this week-

shuttle program is worth the risk to hu-

shuttle program contributes a lot to the On Monday, they're scheduled to nation's sense of pride and patriotism, and about a third think it contributes a Circuit Court of Appeals, seeking to lot to science, a CBS news poll found.

Most people said they were upset by the Columbia disaster, as they were at according to the CNN-Time poll.

Branch Davidians Public polls say Pope sends envoy to

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope John Paul II will send a special envoy tion that transfixed the nation for weeks gram is worth the risk in human life and to Iraq to emphasize his appeal for in the spring of 1993: government agents should be continued, say polls taken afpeace and to encourage Iraqi authorities to cooperate with the United Nations, the Vatican announced Sunday.

> Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, emeriend found that 71 percent said the tus president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, will leave Rome on Monday for Baghdad, ac-A majority of people also say the companied by a counselor, Monsignor Franco Coppola.

Their mission is to "show to all the plea of the Holy Father in favor of peace and to help the Iraqi authorities make a serious reflection on the need for effective international coop-In September 2000, U.S. District the time of the Challenger explosion eration, based on justice and interna-17 years ago. But the number who said tional rights, with the aim of assuring suit, backing the federal contention that they were "deeply upset" dropped from this population of the supreme good agents had not used excessive force in 63 percent in 1986 to 46 percent now, of peace," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement.



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JENN DEGROOT, A sophomore human development and family studies major from Paris, tries to break from the pack during a Tech Women's Rugby team match against Rice University on Saturday at the recreational fields. Tech lost to Rice, 76-15.

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Many believed their dream was now a nightmare because of Neff's called a conference among the desire to not upset A&M supporters factoral leaders including William in his party and his desire to be re- Bledsoe, Robert Chitwood, R. A. elected that year.

Infuriated, West Texans threatened to secede.

In 1922, Neff was re-elected governor and told Homer Wade, a lobbyist for the chamber, "Get a plank in the platform if you want that struction in technological, manufac-A&M College."

was re-elected, the dream was once nomics." again in Legislature.

A rally was held in Fort Worth to present a united front in the crusade for the college; however, sepa-Legislature in January 1923. It seemed an impossible struggle.

Some wanted a college under the lish what they could call their own.

A&M Board, some wanted it to be independent, and still some dreamed of a "College of Technology and Textile Engineering."

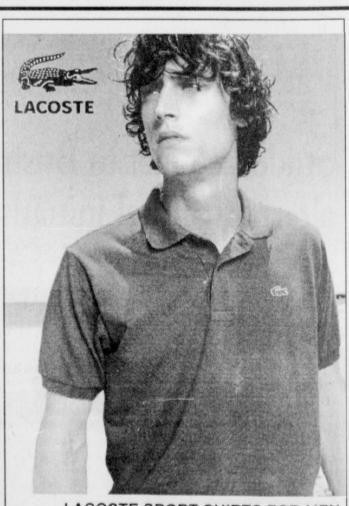
Whaley, out of desperation, Baldwin and Ralph Carpenter. They sat in the reception room of the Senate for two hours and drew a com-

The final bill provided for an institution "particularly to give inturing and agriculture pursuits, and Wade succeeded, and after Neff animal husbandry and home eco-

> The dream's name was to be "Texas Technological College."

And thus, Neff signed the Bill and Texas Technological College was rate bills were introduced into the born. And more importantly to West Texans, they proved they could conquer their independence and estab-





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Rally

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"The thing that kind of spurred this whole rally was the (column)," Jannibah Coleman, a senior public relations major from Dallas said. "It is a small part of the big picture. It is the last line of this message the university is sending us, which is 'we don't respect you.' The (column) offended me in so many levels. If you're not offended, you should be."

The crowd cheered.

Student Government Association President Kelli Stumbo told the crowd students have to become more visible.

"What this university needs to stop doing is asking you to forget who you are," she said. "We need to stop trying to conform to the West Texas atmosphere."

To accomplish this, Stumbo said students should become more in-

"It has to be a partnership, and you guys have to become involved and make people know who you are and what you believe in," she said. "Don't be the status-quo. Nothing will change unless you state what you want and you don't budge unless you get it."

Editor-in-Chief of The UD Melissa Borden took the microphone and fielded questions.

Borden told the crowd Ring's column conveyed only his opinion, not hers. The UD's or the

Students questioned Borden about why the column appeared in

"If I were to censor someone's opinion because I do not agree with it, then I'm doing a disservice to everyone who would disagree with that opinion," she said. "The First Amendment is designed to where everyone can be heard. I'm not positive that we would have heard such a good and astounding response (Friday) if we did not bring this up."

Students at the rally disagreed with her about the turnout, as one student yelled out ,"Free speech is not hate speech."

Daniel White, president of the National Pan Hellenic Council, echoed similar sentiments as the signage. "We look around and we see all

of this is a result of one voice," he said. "Can you imagine if each of us decided to have a voice? You have a voice. If you choose not to use it, then you are wrong. The fire that fuels the flame took place on this campus. But there is so much more that is going on at this campus that needs change. If we don't do something to stop it, then it will continue. So where's your voice?"

Barbara Owens, a junior psychology major from Houston, and Will Braswell Ir., a graduate student studying computer science from Hobbs, N.M., said they will go to the administration in hopes to change the way The UD runs columns.

"We feel cheated that something like this can go on in the newspaper," Owens said. "If I pay to go to school here, I should not have to read a newspaper that degrades me, my culture and my heritage. I will bring this to the administration. But who is with me?"

Braswell said there should be a direct liaison between organizations on campus and The UD.

"It is a shame that we have to have The UD doing this and making them look bad," he said. "Before they can print (the column) they are going to have to call the corresponding organizations ahead of time."

Borden said Braswell's suggestion will never happen because The UD's policy prohibits prior review.

"That won't happen under my watch," she said.

However, Braswell said it will

"I know it will work," he said. 'We know they will take this into consideration because it is not just one organization is upset about this. We are getting in the

administration's face about this." Marie Alford, president of the Black Faculty and Staff Association, challenged the students to become more involved if they want things

"I challenge you to be proactive," she said. "Not reactive. Get on the editorial staff. Find time to be a part of the paper. Find time to be part of student government."

She said she was pleased with the turnout and energy but asked the crowd to not quit pushing for diversity and fairness on this campus.

Protest

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She encouraged residents to seek the truth out on their own and make their own decisions when it comes to the war effort.

"I want to feed my enemies, not bomb them," she said. "Without peace, there can be no justice."

Rebecca Greene, a Tech staff member, said she was opposed to the war from a human rights standpoint. "The whole idea of war and so

many people suffering and dying ... I'm thinking about it as a mother, and it really bothers me," she said.

Hussein is contained, she said, and the United States needs to let the United Nations deal with it.

Lori Leonard, who was at Tech visiting a friend, said she does not believe there is any justification for the war. She also is concerned with the rights being taken away by the administration.

She was at the protest because she said it is important for people to come together to make a stance.

"This is the only power we have," she said. However, not all of the vocal

opposition was against the war. Plenty of people at the protest were angry at the protestors for what they were advocating.

"The biggest killer of Muslims in the world is Iraq," Dustin Farahnak, a sophomore philosophy major from Longview, said. "They don't think he's a liberator. He has a gun to their heads.'

Farahnak, who is Iranian, said Hussein has killed more Middle Eastern people than anyone else. He has made slaves of the 10 million women in Iraq, and he is killing his people and anyone who stands against him, while no action is being taken.

"Freedom is worth dying for," he said, adding that although 80,000 Iraqis could die in a U.S .-Iraq war, 22 million would be freed.

The protest is too political, he said. Too many of the demonstrators were against Bush and therefore against all of his policies, an opinion shared by Jared Hall, a senior classics major from Lubbock.

"I'm not for war, I'm for the people of Iraq," he said, holding a

sign that asked how many Iraqis died during this protest. "How many more people have to die before they realize they're killing people?"

Hall compared the protest to those of the 1960s, saying 2 million people in Indochina were slaughtered because of anti-war protests during that era. He called the protestors selfish and said they needed to redirect their focus.

'They're championing nobody but themselves," he said. "Once in a while in a man's life he has to stand up for what is honest and good and noble, and this is not good."

The protest ended prematurely after Farahnak and Smith started shouting at each other, to the exclusion of the rest of the crowd, something Smith said was not unexpected. The important thing about the event was opening a dialogue. They may have been yelling, he said, but at least they were communicating.

That communication was entertaining for some Tech students. Frank Scheers, a senior mechanical engineering major from Forth Worth, was

"I was really tempted to scream something obnoxious just to piss them off," he said.

While he does not completely agree with Bush, Scheers said the president is doing a good job of protecting American interests. However, whether military action is right is a different question.

"I think there comes a point when war becomes inevitable," he said. "But other stuff needs to happen for it to become right."

Cristi Sanchez, a sophomore architecture major from Lubbock, said she thought the protest was a positive event for Tech. "I think it was good that people ex-

pressed their opinions because I know there's a variety of them," she said.

She said she believes a peaceful resolution to the U.S-Iraq conflict is better for everyone involved.

"It's better to settle it without killing others," Sanchez said.

Ronaldo Gonzalez, a senior mechanical engineering major from Houston, said he does not fully agree with the protestors.

"I think Bush is an idiot, but he does have the right idea as far as not allowing Saddam to violate international law," he said.

Exam

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rate, something the school has done twice in its 30 years of exist-

"We have a curriculum that stresses subjects on the Bar," she said. "Successful completion of the Bar is the only way to practice in Texas. It's the reason for law school; you must pass it before you become a lawyer.'

Fletcher recommends students keep up with course work during law school prior to taking the

"The key to doing well is to keep up with your course work and then just refresh it before the exam," she said.

Genaro Cortez, a 2002 graduate of the law school from San Antonio, is currently enrolled in a private review course, which many of his fellow graduates are also taking.

The course, called Bar-BRI, is approximately six weeks long and usually six days a week, and costs about \$1,800, Cortez said. Bar-BRI started Dec. 30 and is administered at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Cortez said his anxiety is high, as the test is only two weeks away.

"I feel like I don't know anything, though I've studied a month now," he said.

Most students in Bar-BRI spend half the day in review and the remainder of the day studying on their own for the exam that will review nearly every major law subject. Cortez said Bar-BRI breaks down the years in law school throughout the weeks, focusing back on certain classes.

"Going back and doing some of that course work, everything's mixed up," Cortez said. "I did well in some and not so well in others; it lets you know what you need to learn."

Cortez said he and the other students are at an intense point in their preparation.

"There's a lot riding on this test," he said. "The people who pass, their names are posted on the Internet. So everyone knows if you didn't pass."

Faculty

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make appointments to see their dean if they have a problem with their chairman.

Academic Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Jane Winer said faculty members have been evaluating their chairpersons for at least as long as she has been dean.

"We have a form that's been used since before I became dean 11 and a half years ago," Winer

About every three years, Arts and Sciences faculty have the opportunity to complete a form to evaluate their chairpersons, she

History Chairman Bruce Daniels said the evaluation is a normal procedure.

"I'm in my second year as chair," he said. "I expect my evaluation sometime next year."

Hydrogen

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policies and is a little out of place. "It's kind of weird for him because he made his money in oil; it's kind of a 180 for him with the oil companies," the freshman music performance major from Arlington said. "Proposing hydrogen fuel, it's more environmentally friendly, but then there's his Alaska drilling. I'm not sure what his motives are."

Toyota, General Motors, Ford, Nissan and Honda are testing hydrogen-fuel cell cars on the roads.

Professor Harry Parker of the Tech Chemical Engineering Department said he does not see the merit in Bush's plans.

"People claim hydrogen's abundant because it's water," he said. "Hydrogen's not that abundant."

Parker said there is a complicated process behind converting water to hydrogen that requires almost as much energy as using hydrogen as a fuel. "There are inefficiencies, and

it doesn't come out evenly," he said. "Vehicular transport based on hydrogen fuel is impossible."



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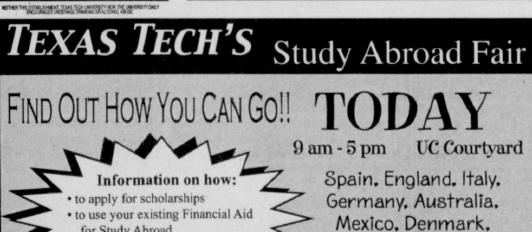
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Frigid weather carried with it a hint of the civil right's movement as speakers gave their voice in opposispeech."

The opinion piece by Dave Ring was the clearest example I've ever seen of someone thinking it's cool to be a

around hungrily in position,

and the administration hid nestled all

than one hundred students marched

to Memorial Circle in protest of a col-

umn printed Tuesday in The Univer-

sity Daily, and to call for diversity on

comedian about a serious issue. And boy, was it a bust.

He picked apart the point of Black History Month while telling African Americans to basically pack their culture up in a knapsack, hide it away in their history, get over the past already and just blend in a little better.

Even though the column inflamed me like no other, I'm going to cut Dave a bit of slack because, quite frankly, his problem is simply that he doesn't ers and sisters, I beg you to not lose

And perhaps if we go about it the right way, he will, along with those like him, sincerely begin to figure it out.

Near Martin Luther King Day a friend of mine loaned me the original 1968 publication of JET magazine, published just after the murder of King by a white supremacist in Tennessee who didn't like what he had to say about equality.

rights, King was constantly stalked by violent, ignorant racists.

Open discussion conquers ignorance ops were lurking near the said, "If you think I came to tell you to hate the white man, you have the scene, news stations hung wrong man. Our goal is not to defeat or humiliate the white man but to win snug in their offices Friday when more his friendship and love."

Whether speaking about the white man, Dave Ring or the editors of The UD, I challenge the African-American community on campus to remember King's message, and while standing up for what you believe, don't be passive, but stay peaceful.

The problem isn't Ring, nor is it tion to what they defined as "hate The UD. This newspaper is simply a mirror meant to reflect the reality of our campus.

> Every columnist holds vastly different opinions. Our editor hired each of us in order for divergent segments of this university to have representation; that which is not expressed is neither censored nor suppressed because of the open call for guest columns and letters to the editor.

We are not puppets of the administration or pawns of the political pressures behind every institution; we are the student body.

So, my African-American broth-

The issue isn't one column; the issue is that so many people agreed with

For me, there are two things that stand out from the march; one happened right before, the other imme-

As I walked up to Memorial Circle, two white fraternity men walked away cracking jokes about the group gath-While peacefully fighting for civil ering. (Two other people who just didn't get it.)

Then after the event, a co-worker ted. Yet when speaking on hate, he said, "They (the protesters) just want



Kristen Gilbreth

In order for education to take the place of hate, we must openly discuss that which divides us; stopping the discussion on either side doesn't all of a sudden make us similar...

to get their panties in a wad over something," (Again without looking for it, I found another who didn't get it.)

You don't know how many times I've heard, "We don't have a white history month, why do they need

Or, "Well the Israelites were enslaved. Every group of people has been mistreated. Just get over it."

It's not the racism splattered across the page of a newspaper that scares me. Rather, it is that which remains in a hardened heart left to brew undetec-

discussion on either side doesn't all of a sudden make us similar; it silently sets-up the same separatist walls of

America's immoral history isn't ancient history so let's stop acting as if it were. Most of us are only a generation removed from the sin known as segregation.

It was not that long ago that state Meredith to the University of Mississippi in 1962. Only after a night of riots in which two people were killed was the black man finally allowed in the doors.

It was not that long ago that right here in Lubbock a friend's mom recalls trying to sneak a drink from the "whites-only" water fountain; the one specified for "colored" folk had been to the point of unsanitation.

When you look at the fact that of racism celebrates color. Tech's first graduating class was in 1927 and the first black student didn't tential war with Iraq, we hear a lot of attend until 1961, it's clear we have as long a track record with segregation as we do with the status quo.

If you don't think racism exists today, pick one of these eye-openers:

No. 1: Spend a day with one person living in the underdeveloped area of the eastside of Lubbock and listen

No. 2: Research the religiously based Bob Jones University and notice its current ban on interracial dat-

and surf to a recent study done at the sorry" for our past mistakes; it's time In order for education to take the University of Chicago showing that we say "thank you."

place of hate, we must openly discuss simply putting an African sounding that which divides us; stopping the name like Tamika on a job application decreased the call-back potential by 50 percent.

When we talk about African the past, only we pretend they're not Americans in reference to other minorities, we should know that their experience is unique because no other group immigrated to our society involuntarily and no other group was victimized and degraded by two centu-

No one, especially the privileged, officials refused to admit James should tell them how and what they should feel.

Our ancestors brought these men and women to this country and then forced them to forget who they were and where they had been. In being coerced into conformity cages like animals, they were ordered to purge their culture and heritage.

It's time to give it back.

I used to be under the impression constantly spit in by white passer-bys that someone free of racism did not see color. I was wrong: A person free

> In the face of terrorism and a porhetoric about how great our country is. And even with a slumping economy, we still have the strongest system in the world.

> We must remember slavery was created because the economic demands of our beginning as a nation increased the need for cheap labor. From the steps of the White House to the cotton fields of West Texas, this land was built on the back of the black

It's not enough for this country to No. 3: Go to your Web browser collectively stand up and say "we're

Education should be focus of Black History celebration

et me set the stage. It is the year members taught him to read.

He supported himself through high school, then enrolled in college at the the second black man to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Although many of you may not a historian as well as an educator, was unable to grasp the lack of black history and the large amount of white history in the books he read.

documented, much less studied enough to put in history books. Woodson was appalled by this, so he set forth to make a change.

In 1926, Woodson began Negro History Week, which would later be known as Black History Month, recognized in the month of February.

Why February? What makes February so special? Originally, Negro History Week was designated as the second week in February because of the birthdays of two individuals -Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln — who were both instrumental in the evolution of rights for African

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So why is Black History Month 1875 in New Canton, Va. here? What about all of the other cul-Carter G. Woodson is born to tures in America today? Why can't a mother and father, who were former everyone get a month or so? The anslaves. Woodson worked in the Ken- swer to these questions lies within your tucky coal mines while his family own personal grasp of the reason and the purpose that Black History Month is here to stay.

Some people view this month as a age of 20. Seven years later, he became celebration of the black culture. Others tend to view it as recognition for things of the past. Not me, however. Being that the originator of the prehave heard of Woodson, most people cursor to the month, Woodson was an have been exposed to his long list of educator and historian, I tend to view accomplishments. You see, Woodson, this month not as a celebration but as a time to be educated about the history dealing with the events of what we now know today as black history.

So is the month doing its job? Are Up until the early part of the 20th we really being educated about the hiscentury, black history had hardly been tory of African Americans in America? Are we really learning history during this month that we didn't already know?

> In my own personal opinion, I have to lean toward the negative on this one. Black History Month, in my opinion, should go back to its former self and be recognized as a week. I say this not because I disagree with the reasoning and the purpose behind the month, but because I feel it is not getting its job done in the way it should. It seems to me over the course of the month, the message becomes so diluted for some that the message tends to be forgotten. The sample needs to be more concentrated, more focused,



Anthony Rudine

We need to realize the history. We need to realize the implications. We need to honor the lives that were given, just as we honor soldiers who give their lives for their country.

more meaningful for some. For this week, the goal and the focus should be entirely on education. The focus also should be on the history. The goal and focus should be to recognize the great achievements that took place in the struggle for civil

For this week, we need to realize and personalize ourselves with what took place and learn from the mistakes be on how in 1960, four black students made. We need to hear the stories about people like W.E. DeBois, the cofounder of the NAACP.

We need to be educated about the

We need to be exposed to the courage it took to rise up in the face of imminent oppression and possibly We need to focus on the stories

who, in 1955, refused to give up her seat in the front of the bus-the seats normally "reserved" for only white people. The focus needs to be on the boycott of buses by African Americans that lasted for more than a year, until the buses were desegregated.

This week needs to tell every American about the monumental Supreme Court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education, which ruled that segregation of schools was unconstitutional. We all need to hear about Thurgood Marshall, the victorious attorney in this case who would later become the nation's first black Supreme Court Justice.

During this week, I want to hear about the stories that would be seem- other because differences exist in our ingly meaningless if the same thing happened today, but how special people with outstanding courage finally had enough. I want the focus to

began to sit down at the segregated lunch counter at a lunch counter called Woolworth's.

We all need to gain knowledge 15th Amendment to the Constitution about the history of the struggle for of the United States - the amend- civil rights. We need to realize how ment that gave blacks the right to the monumental figures felt. We need to realize what they were thinking when they stood up for what they believed in. We need to realize these are not just names in a history book, they death—the refusal to back down from were real people with outstanding courage and perseverance.

We need to realize the history. We about great people like Rosa Parks, need to realize the implications. We need to honor the lives that were given, just as we honor soldiers who give their lives for their country. These people were heroes, not just to the black community but to all Americans. We owe them a debt of gratitude for doing what many of us would have most certainly been unable to follow through with. We need to learn from our past and work to correct it.

In conclusion, I would like to quote one of the people whose actions and life are an important reason Black History Month exists today -Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred."

With that said, let us not hate each cultures, skin color or the like, but let us embrace our differences as well as our similarities and make this country better than ever.

Editorial

First Amendment must apply to everyone, or it is for no one

Constitution of the United States rights. reads, "Congress shall make no law ligion, or prohibiting the free exor the right of the people peacethe Government for a redress of grievances."

Last week, just that happened dreds of protesters. It is a on campus at Texas Tech.

A columnist for The University Daily wrote an opinion column. It was his constitutional right to do so. The UD published it. This was its constitutional right. Hundreds of students peacefully protested so many leaders have fought for dur- committee to review every article and them experience that is of great 230 years.

The First Amendment of the both decisions, their constitutional ing the struggles for equal rights.

The Editorial Board of The UD respecting an establishment of re- stands behind its decision to print the column. The First Amendment ercise thereof; or abridging the gives everyone the opportunity to freedom of speech, or of the press; make his or her voice heard. If The UD had not printed Dave Ring's able to assemble, and to petition column, it would have censored his opinion. Censoring Mr. Ring would

> everyone, or it applies to no one. To stifle the rights of one citizen because his or her views are unpopular would be a travesty and a regression of what

have resulted in censoring the hun-

trickledown effect.

Keep in mind, what Mr. Ring

wrote was not an "editorial," as was falsely reported by other local media. An editorial is written and agreed upon by the Editorial Board. There is a disclaimer appearing every day on Page 4 of The UD explaining the opinions appearing on the page. The Editorial Board suggests its readers familiarize themselves with this policy.

As far as the protest is concerned, the Editorial Board is glad to see Tech The First Amendment applies to students exercising their First Amendment rights.

> Many students questioned the manner in which The UD is managed and voiced opinions requesting a

column before being published. Such a committee would be con-

sidered prior review and go against the First Amendment. It would be a disservice to the employees of The UD to learn how to work under a system tinue to strive to provide its readthat goes against the First Amendment and a disservice to the readers to be subjected to such a system.

College is a learning experience that prepares students for the world after graduation. In the classroom, we receive training and instruction from professors that will aide us in our journey through life.

The UD takes what is taught in the classroom and tests its employees' abilities as journalists and gives

value. Restricting their First Amendment rights would not allow them the full learning experi-

The Editorial Board will coners with fair, accurate and unbiased news coverage, and to educate the public on the importance of the free press. Freedom of speech, religion and the press are immeasurable rights our forefathers believed in.

When all are heard, the best arguments will win in the end. If not, ignorance will remain a sickness, plaguing our society and culture. Stripping anyone of those rights now would digress our society back

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Different

Non-conventional couples describe their Valentine's Day plans

By Nikki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

EDITOR'S NOTE - Some names have been changed to protect identities.

Valentine's Day is not only when a typical guy gives a girl flowers. It is a day for all couples to celebrate and spend time together. This also is true for gay and lesbian couples.

This will be Anthony Jackson's third Valentine's Day out of the

"In elementary or middle school, I knew I was different," Jackson, a graduate student, said. "I was never with any girls."

Jackson moved to Lubbock to be with his boyfriend, Clint Smith. They have been together for a year and nine months.

After moving to Lubbock from the North, Jackson admits he'd rather be back home.

"(The people) are more tolerant there," he said. "But they are more accepting (in Lubbock) than I thought it would be.'

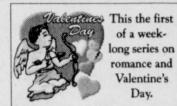
Freshman Levi Ham, another out-of-the-closet gay, echoed Jackson's sentiments.

"Lubbock is in the bible belt," Ham said. "So it's a really taboo subject."

Jackson and Ham said there definitely are stereotypes about gays and lesbians they believe are unfair and untrue.

"Males are usually looked at as feminine, and females are seen as masculine and good at sports," Jackson said. "There are people who conform to that stereotype. But not all; I like sports, and so I break that stereotype.'

Ham agrees.



"We don't all run around with bleached hair and weigh 90 pounds," he said. "We don't all do the rainbow thing. I don't wear Gucci, and I don't own any Kenneth Cole. We're not a bad group and we don't hit on every-

of a week-

Valentine's

Day.

thing that walks.' However, Ham said he does believe there are some who do fit into the stereotype.

"I think gay people need to tone it down," he said. "I think a certain group can give the whole group a bad reputation."

Erica King, an out-of-the-closet lesbian, said she agrees with Ham and Jackson.

"People think that (as a lesbian) you are either really butch or really fem, and they want you to fall into those categories," she said.

But she said she does not feel she fits these stereotypes.

"I think I'm pretty much in between; I don't want to be a guy and I don't want to be girly," King said. "People think that just because you are a lesbian, you want to be a guy."

When she goes on dates, King said she believes no real discrimination against her.

"Most restaurants are OK," she said. "I haven't had any problems." Ham said he has been single for three months and doesn't have

much of a plan for Valentine's Day. "I will sleep, probably go to a movie with a girl friend, eat some



JENNA HANSEN/Photo Illustration GAY AND LESBIAN couples at Tech said they will spend their Valentine's Day like other couples — with dinner and a movie. They

said stereotypes given to gays and lesbians are mostly untrue.

brownies and do the whole 'I hate men' thing," he said.

While Ham said he plans to be alone for the holiday, Jackson said he plans to be with his boyfriend.

A usual date, Jackson said, is comprised of dinner with a straight couple and a movie. This Valentine's Day is no exception.

"He will make dinner, we will exchange gifts and maybe go see a movie," Jackson said. "I got him a DVD, and I know he got me a book."

He said there will be no candy

"Neither one of us are what you would call 'flaming,'" he said. "But most people gravitate toward where they are accepted."

Fredrick Suppe, professor and chairman of classical and modern languages and literatures is the sponsor of Queers and Allies and is openly gay.

He said he plans to spend his

Valentine's Day with fellow gay and lesbian coworkers.

"My boyfriend lives in Maryland," he said. "We have the longdistance relationship, and I'll see him next weekend."

He encourages gay and lesbian students to affirm their homosexu-

"It's far better to risk discrimination than to be in closet and live a lie," he said.

If any student has questions about their sexuality can contact the Student Counseling Center. The gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender support group sponsored through the Counseling Center meets at 5 p.m. Wednesdays in

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scholarship pageant. Pink ballet shoes hang on her wall near a poster of the movie Dirty Dancing. Most obvious are the number of Christian crosses she possesses.

On the other hand, Cameron's room is stacked with books. An intellectual who is attracted to religious and political controversy, he said he is still searching for

They said their great grandmother was a world traveler whose cultured mind was passed down to

Vegetarians who stand up for animal rights, they share the similar trait of making their mark on the world, just as their great-grandmother did.

There is red and black in the family blood, and both Cameron and Danielle plan to keep it flowing; if they have children, they said they will do all they can to breed Red

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EIGHTY YEARS AGO today, Gov. Neff signed Senate Bill 103 into the Texas Legislature creating Texas *sity in this area existed. So West Texas Technological College, now known as Texas Tech University. Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter Sillimann Evans, Homer D. Blade, Sen. W.H. Bledsoe and Rep. R.M. Chitwood were there to witness the signing.

80 years ago, Tech won a battle to establish itself as the lone West Texas college.

By Niki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

ighty years ago, West Texas conquered a dream. On Feb. 10, 1923, Texas Gov. Pat M. Neff signed a bill creating Texas Technological College, which Red Raiders know today as Texas Tech University.

"Gentlemen, I look upon this one act ... as one of the greatest accomplishments of my administration as did not give up. They fought on. governor of Texas," Neff said at the time he signed the Bill.

However, this vision would not have become reality without putting up a West-Texas fight.

At the time, West Texans struggled for independence, and it was from this struggle the idea of establishing a statefunded school they could call their own and their children and grandchildren could attend for year's to come surfaced.

The Texas Constitution appropriates more than 3 million acres west of the 98th meridian to be owned by state universities. Yet in 1891, no univer-Representatives introduced legislature This the first of a weekly series of stories on the history of Texas Tex Tech to appear



A bill was presented to establish an "industrial institute ... and a college for the education of white girls,"

in San Antonio. The Bill did not pass. However, the people of West Texas

In 1916, Porter Whaley, secretary of the Board of City Development for Amarillo, wrote letters to townsmen and businessmen of West Texas to plead support for a college.

Delegates from 50 towns and 12 counties in West Texas met in Sweetwater in April 1916 and formed the West Texas A&M College Campaign Association.

Whaley was named treasurer and campaign manager.

The Association's main resistance came from Texas A&M supporters. Texas under its system.

The campaign vied for a crucial plank in the Democratic platform of the upcoming governor election. A

small battle was won.

With Gov. Jim Ferguson in office, a bill was passed in 1917 establishing the institution and providing \$750,000. The Bill was signed into law, and West Texans believed success was theirs. The college they had dreamed of for so long was a reality.

But the reality was soon destroyed. While selecting a location, Ferguson became the first Texas governor to be impeached, and the Bill was killed Feb. 20, 1917.

Still, supporters were determined to hear the victory bells ring out.

The next election, the Democratic Party failed to put a plank in the platform for a West Texas College.

The Association changed its name to "West Texas Chamber of Commerce" and continued its battle to pass a bill creating its dream. Whaley was named as the new manager.

Senate Bill 154 passed on March 12, 1921, and was sent for approval

The Bill was vetoed by Neff less A&M did not want a college in West than a month later. He said the \$50,000 appropriated to create the college was an insult to West Texans.

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Locating board names Lubbock as the home for Texas Technological College.

By Niki Siegrist/Staff Reporter

he college West Texans had dreamed of for decades had finally become reality.

The next step to beginning the early phases of this vision was to find a site to house the college.

Representative R. M. Chitwood told guests at a banquet celebrating the passage of the Bill establishing Texas Technological College, "Wherever this college may be located, it can never be located outside the confines of my heart."

The five-member locating board issued a statement: "Any town west of the 98th meridian and north of the 29 parallel that wished to house the college must submit a brief including their town's climate, water supply, accessibility and any other information pertinent to the selection of a suitable location."

Then the race began.

Lubbock, at a population of about 7,500, was one of 37 towns to submit a brief describing its beneficial quali-

Lubbock bragged, "(Its) air is dry, high percentage of sunshine is an effective germicide."

According to the locating board's from Wilson at 1 p.m. on July 31, whistles and shouts of joy.

Tech has been one of the greatest assets to Lubbock. It was a blessing as far as the economy goes.

> **PRESTON SMITH** Former Texas Governor

They spent the afternoon in town, visited the proposed site for the college and stayed at a local hotel. They left enveloped in a sandstorm.

After every town had been visited, the board made their way to Fort

The board spent nearly two days deliberating and finally reached a decision. When the votes were counted, one of the board members ran out the door and proclaimed, "It's Lubbock!"

A reporter from the Fort Worth rich in ozone. And combined with a Star-Telegram ran down the stairs to wire the Associated Press and individuals in Lubbock and Abilene.

As soon as the news reached Lubitinerary, members left for Lubbock bock, the town celebrated with bells,

The town held a formal celebra-

tion Aug. 28, 1923, where an estimated 30,000 people consumed 35,000 pounds of meat along with 1,950 gallons of coffee served from metal watering troughs.

After the party, the specifics of locating a site within the city were at hand.

There has long been a rumor that the City of Lubbock donated

all the land to build the college. However, this rumor is not true.

In fact, only one plot was donated. It was a 40-foot-by-135-foot residential lot donated by a local physician.

The rest of the land was purchased from local citizens. Ultimately, 19 owners received \$226,778 for more than 2,000 acres, almost four times the average price.

Today, Tech's 1,839 acres make it the second largest campus in the

Former Texas Gov. Preston Smith, special assistant to the chancellor, said, "Tech has been one of the greatest assets to Lubbock. It was a blessing as far as the economy

The size of the campus is a demonstration of the role West Texans wanted Tech to play in the area.

They weren't exactly sure what to expect from the college, but they knew their dream was something big.



ABOVE: THE FIRST GRADUATING class of Texas Technological College walked across stage in 1927. Below: Mary Dale Buckner holds her son Dale Buckner. Mary Buckner is the first person to receive a diploma from Texas Technological College.

Family celebrates 59 family members who became Red Raiders.

By Kristen Gilbreth/Staff Reporter

ed Raider fever runs rampant in the Buckner family. Siblings Cameron and Danielle Buckner are the 58th and 59th members of their family tree to be infected with Texas Tech spirit.

Their great grandmother, Mary Dale Buckner, was the first person to walk across the stage of Texas Technological College's earliest graduating class in 1927.

According to Ruth Andrew's book The First Thirty Years, President Paul Horn, Tech's first president, told the first senior class assembled in May 1927 he intended to give each graduate a chance at receiving the first diploma. He put 14 blank slips of paper and one with the word "diploma" into

Mary Dale Buckner, who studied English, made history when she pulled out the scribbled word.

Her grandson Dale, who describes her as graceful and adventurous, said she later became a professor at her alma mater and helped establish the Tech museum.

"Our family feels that there is a connection bordering on ownership for us when we think of Texas Tech," he said. "The legacy of excellence that my grandmother showed us helped us approach life, study and learning."

Dale, a 1972 Tech graduate, attributed the success of his children partially to Mary's influence.

"I am so very proud of my children," he said. "There was always a wonderful balance between hard work and intelligence and enjoyment of life that Grand Mary (that's what we called her) we have all assumed brought us probably by example."

His daughter Danielle, a sophomore architecture major from Canyon, said whether it's her greatgrandmother's independence, her father's intelligence or her mother's

musicality, she has much to live up to. "The whole family sort of set a bar for us to look up to," Danielle said. "Pretty much everybody in the family has had some level of recognition."

With her great grandmother's picture hanging in the Tech museum, Danielle said while her Double-T was inherited, Tech was the only option for other reasons.

"For me, it really wouldn't make any sense to look anywhere else," she said. "Tech has one of the best architecture (colleges). I think it's third best in the nation. Not only did it have the tradition of the family, but it was also the most logical choice."

Cameron, a senior computer science and philosophy major, said his school pride reaches beyond his heri-



COURTESY PHOTO/Cameron Buckner "It's only partially a family thing," Cameron said.

As they sit polar opposite on the couch, it is evident the brother-sister pair are far from being clones of their ancestry, but they admit individuality is a common tie.

Danielle said she admired her great-grandmother's strong will and determination to get an education.

Her posture upright with confidence, she said, "I am fairly liberated because I don't feel the need to wait for guys to do everything for me."

Cameron, the editor of a Tech publication called "The Motley Cow," said his sister is a master of the active arts, while his talent lies in the contempla-

Her bright florescent shirt next to his dark gray symbolizes their contrasting personalities.

Danielle is a dedicated dancer who competed in the 2002 Miss Lubbock

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Administration building.

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A CROWD OF ABOUT 20,000 people gather Nov. 11, 1924, for the laying of the cornerstone of the

MAY 30, 1927

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Texas Technological is signed into existence by Gov. Pat Neff. The cornerstone to the Administration building was laid in November of the

following year.

First day of classes begin at 8 a.m. After the opening ceremony, students went to class to find few desks and little equipment for the first few weeks.

The first graduating class from Texas Technological College walks across the stage. The class was made up of 14 students. Mary Dale Buckner was the first to receive a

diploma.

Tech's first president, Paul Horn, dies. The students push for his body to be buried on campus, but the Board of Directors, now known as the Board of Regents, would not approve the resolution.

First residence halls are opened. The men's residence hall, West Hall, and the women's residence hall, Doak Hall, charged \$22.50 a month for room and board.

Tech plays in its first bowl game. Tech lost to West Virginia 7-6.

Bats come to life in sweep over San Diego

By Jason Lenz/Staff Reporter

Coming off a 21-4 rout of West Texas A&M on Tuesday, the Texas Tech Red Raiders faced off against the Toreros of the University of San Diego in a three-game series this weekend.

Tech swept the series with 8-3 and 7-3 wins Saturday, followed by Sunday's dramatic 15-13 victory.

Saturday's doubleheader began at noon. Although snow flurries floated through the chilly air, the Raiders were red hot.

In game one, Tech scored three runs in the first inning and four runs in the eighth. Junior second baseman Josh Haney went 2-4 with two RBIs in the game, a signal of things to come. Following the series, Haney observed a newfound confidence in the hitting.

"The lineup is starting to gel good together," Haney said. "That's the big thing about us. If one guy doesn't take

care of it, then the next guy's going to step in."

Although junior Steve Gooch walked a career-high four hitters in game one, his six-inning, six-hit effort was good enough to give him his second win in as many attempts. Junior Juan Razo notched his first save

In game two Saturday, San Diego jumped out on top 2-0 going into the bottom of the fourth inning. Haney stepped up with runners on the corners and no outs. He took a 2-2 pitch over the leftfield fence, and Tech never looked back

Tech scored five runs in the fourth inning and added insurance runs in the fifth and sixth, giving the Raid-Game three Sunday was a

shootout. Defensively both teams may have needed extra fielders, as baseballs kept raining all over the park.

Tech had a 4-0 lead going into the

top of the third when the Toreros scored five on two doubles, a single and a triple off senior right-hander Dusty Buck.

The teams battled back and forth for the remainder of the game. The game went into the ninth inning tied, 13-13. After a leadoff double by sophomore Cody Fuller, junior designated hitter Evan Shahak came to the plate.

"I was surprised they were going to throw to me," Shahak said. "I think they thought I was going to bunt to move the runner over to third, so they gave me a fastball right there, right over the heart of the plate."

Shahak took that fastball over the left field fence, his fifth homer this season; giving Tech a nail-biting 15-13 win and a sweep in the series. Head coach Larry Hays said the

three-game sweep was a morale booster for the Raiders.

"Any time you sweep, you've got

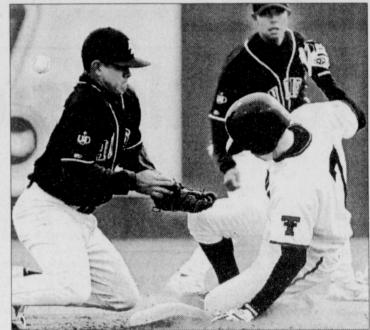
to be thrilled," he said. "And they're a good club. Their three left-handed hitters right there in a row is a nightmare for us ... they're going to win some ball games. They're playing tough teams right now.'

Junior shortstop T.J. Bruce, who knocked his first home run of the season in game three, said Tech has a lot of momentum after this series.

"Right now, we're on fire," Bruce said. "I think we might be one of the hottest teams playing baseball."

Ever since the 9-6 loss to New Mexico on Feb. 2, Tech has been unstoppable. Bruce said that game may have been a wake-up call for the

"They came in here and beat us on our own field when we had a chance to sweep," he said. "So I think that fired us up ... going into Tuesday, and we took it out on (West Texas A&M). Then we came out here and swept a great San Diego team.'



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SAN DIEGO SECOND baseman Jose Ortega misses the ball in an attempt to tag out Tech's Clint McGill during the Raiders' 8-3 win Saturday.

Singles play troubles women's tennis early

By Kyle Clark/Staff Reporter

The Texas Tech women's tennis team got its first status report of the year Sunday after a 5-2 loss to the Air Force Academy.

Air Force won five of the six singles matches after losing every doubles match to the Raiders.

The singles slump gave Tech an indication where it needs to improve.

Senior Beverly Dawson said the loss to Air Force and Friday's loss to Texas-San Antonio allowed Tech to spot its problems and get its game on track.

"It shows how much we need to work harder," Dawson said. "We need to focus on singles and motivate ourselves better as individuals and as a team." After the match, Tech coach

Sandy Collins said doubles competition was one of the few bright spots for the Raiders. "We played great doubles,"

Collins said. "Then we came out and played sloppy singles. Air Force dominated the singles portion of the match as only one Raider, Katja Kovacic, scored a win for the team. Kovacic won 6-0, 6-1

over Miclynn Crail.

Kovacic was playing in only her second college match after a loss in the final match Friday against UTSA. Collins said Kovacic was much improved against the Falcons.

"We lost 4-3 against UTSA, and it came down to Katja's match," Collins said. "It was her first match, and she was nervous. She's playing much better today. It's like night and day with her, and that helps her with her confidence."

Kovacic admitted she was nervous Friday, but said everything has improved for her since.

"It was my first match, and I was a little nervous," Kovacic said. "But I'm getting better every match. This win was a confidence builder." The confidence that Kovacic is

building is the main aspect Collins said was missing from her team during the match with Air Force. Collins also said her team must

improve its mental intensity to win matches like it had against the Falcons that could have gone either way. They should all have confidence." Collins said. "They are all

capable of winning matches. All the matches this weekend were ones that

could have been won. There were no matches that a loss was inevitable."

Collins said it was Air Force's confidence and enthusiasm that earned the edge over Tech, but the Raiders have to be better mentally.

"They've got to keep up mentally," Collins said. "During doubles, Air Force stayed positive while we were beating them. They were cheering and jumping up and down during every point."

Collins said the team must work individually on keeping its head together as coaching cannot fix the problem.

"You can only say so much to them," Collins said.

The Raiders also were forced to motivate themselves individually because of the setting of the match, as they played indoors at the Lubbock Country Club. Because the match clashed with private lessons for members, players yet to play or that had already played were forced off the courts and were unable to cheer on

teammates. Collins said the situation was hard

"It was tough for my girls," Collins said. "They couldn't be on the court cheering and they couldn't use each other for help. There was no place to sit and cheer so they had to go watch behind glass. We're happy and privileged to have these indoor courts, but it was tough."

One blessing during the weekend may have come with the cancellation and rescheduling of the team's match against Texas scheduled for Saturday.

Dawson said the team has a long way to go before conference play, and the cancellation played out in Tech's

"Thank God we didn't have to play Texas," Dawson said. "You always need a couple of matches that motivate you and get you ready. We should have been playing matches before

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Tech blows out Cyclones

The Texas Tech Lady Raiders responded from its week off with a dominating performance. Tech (19-2, 8-1 Big 12 Conference) defeated the Iowa State Cyclones (9-11, 4-5) 70-48 in a game coach Marsha Sharp said was highlighted by defense.

tempo slowed down.

Sharp said she believes a lot of thinking it will get to them, but were with the ball. Three Lady Raid-Sunday's victory was positive proof it ers scored in double digits, and seadoes not.

that some," Sharp said. "We knew double- and triple-teamed throughout they wanted to see if slowing the the game and let other players put tempo would hurt us, and a lot of points on the board. teams have that view of us. They think

Sharp said the philosophy behind that approach to defending the Lady Raiders is to shake up her players, but she said she was happy with their response to the zone.

"People feel it will make you a little uncomfortable in your offense if you Tech prepared all week for the can't get the shot you're looking for," Cyclones' variety of zone defenses and Sharp said. "You just better be patient capitalized by finding the open man when you have to, and I was very and not getting impatient when the proud of the way our team handled that (Sunday)."

The story of the game may have teams try to do that against her squad, been how generous the Lady Raiders son-leading scorer Plenette Pierson "We knew (Iowa State) would do seemed fine with the fact that she was

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and she probably didn't get as many touches as she would have liked, but she defended great, and I think that's a mark of maturity."

Guard Miklennet Tennal had a high 12 points. She was 4 of 5 from behind the arch and said she hopes it does not take any attention away from 3-point tandem.

"I hope they leave me open every time," Tennal said.

Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly said he was not surprised by Tennal's performance; his team simply forgot to de-

"She didn't surprise me at all," he said. "It may have looked like she surprised us; we just forgot to defend her three times."

Fennelly credited Tech's defense for playing an outstanding game and around with being on the road a lot," said Sharp has a brilliant team, one of the toughest in the nation.

"Texas Tech is an outstanding team," Fennelly said. "They are as good of a team we've played all year, and we've played Duke and Kansas

Sharp said the crowd played a helping," he said.

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> Perkins drove coast-to-coast after a steal in the first half. She said she saw a crease and hit it and made a layup while jumping through traffic in break-out game for Tech with a career- the lane. Perkins led Tech with 19 points and said the play was completely improvised.

> "I was just trying to push the ball Natalie Ritchie, the other half of the down court, and I saw a lane," she said. "I went up and tried to scoop under (the defender). That's something I would never think of doing; that's something that just happened."

> > After the play, Perkins waved her arms in the air encouraging the crowd to make more noise.

Tech remains on top of the conference standings, and Sharp said it will be good to play the majority of the remaining games at home.

"We paid the price the first time Sharp said. "We came out of it 4-1, and what's most important now is we control our own destiny."

Fennelly said he finds Tech losing at home hard to believe.

"Someone will have to play their brains out to beat Tech in this build-

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FORWARD PLENETTE PIERSON goes to the hoop for two of her 12 points against Iowa State on Sunday. Tech defeated the Cyclones 70-

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